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## Launch of NASA's Aura spacecraft moved to June 19



## EEAW committee seeks employee feedback on last week's event

**▲ ELV Update:** The launch of Aura at Vandenberg AFB in California has been rescheduled by two days to June 19 due to the two postponements in the Gravity Probe B launch. Delta II vehicle stacking begins at SLC-2 this week, with the first stage on Thursday and the second stage on Friday. The nine solid rocket boosters will be attached next week. Meanwhile on Aura, testing of the spacecraft's propulsion system is underway this week. Aura's four state-of-the-art instruments will study the dynamics of chemistry occurring in the atmosphere, providing data to help scientists better understand the Earth's ozone, air quality and climate change.

**▲ EEAW survey:** The EEAW Committee thanks everyone who participated in this year's Environmental & Energy Awareness Week held April 20-22. At the opening ceremony held April 20, awards were presented to *Tracey Eddings* from InDyne, who won the slogan contest with "Today's Conservation Defines Tomorrow's Future," and *Chris Ehrenfeld*, USA, *Mary Sharpe*, All Points, and *Ron Woods*, NASA JSC, who won the poster contest. *Sue Davis*, ASRC Aerospace, was recognized for her dedication to the Environment & Energy Awareness Programs, and *Ruth Ann Strunk*, SGS, was acknowledged as NASA's Energy Champion.

The 2-day event on April 21 and 22 in the Industrial Area and LC-39 Area had 40 exhibitors, eight presentations and 11 tours. Your feedback is important to the EEAW Team! Please fill out the survey form at [http://survey.ksc.nasa.gov/survey\\_1.cfm?s=EEAW\\_Survey](http://survey.ksc.nasa.gov/survey_1.cfm?s=EEAW_Survey). The Environmental & Energy Awareness Team hopes it made you more aware of the environment and showed you "how to conserve energy and preserve our natural resources while working at the Kennedy Space Center..."



**◆ EEAW Winners —** In the **Crossword Puzzle contest**, *Karen Pardy*, USA, won the \$50 gift certificate from the NASA Exchange Store. The \$25 gift certificate went to *James Dion*, Wyle Laboratories. Thanks to all participants. The answers to the crossword puzzle can be found on the Web site

<http://eeaw.ksc.nasa.gov/index.htm>. In the **Recycle contest**, *Rafael Castro*, USA, and *David Grau*, NASA, won the bicycle tire frames. They had the closest guesses for the amount of white paper that KSC recycled last year: 573,380 lbs. Thanks to all who participated at Table #61, "Principal Center for Recycling and Affirmative Procurement." Congratulations to all winners.

**◆ Recycling batteries** is always best but is not always available and/or cost-effective for all types. Two specific types of batteries, *lead acid* and *silver zinc*, can be sent to the KSC Recycling Reutilization & Marketing Facility located at Ransom Road. The batteries must be undrained, free of leaks, accompanied by a MSDS, and with a complete commercial description. These batteries will be sold for reclamation. Types of batteries such as *mercury*, *ni-cad*, *lithium*, *non-intact lead acid* and *non-intact silver zinc* are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of under controlled waste procedures. Call JBOSC Waste Management for guidance on these procedures. Other types of common batteries found in small electronics and office equipment such as *carbon-zinc*, *alkaline*, *manganese dioxide* and *nickel-metal hydride* batteries can safely be disposed of as office trash.

**◆ Did You Know?** You can purchase a massage therapy gift certificate today! Massages are available Tuesdays to Fridays. Call Valerie Jaramillo, Licensed Massage Therapist #MA 19362, at 543-1047 to schedule an appointment.